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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENT DOWNTURN EASES IN OCTOBER

CHICAGO -- Total major appliance factory shipments were relatively flat in October (-0.5 percent), while shipments of core products rose significantly (6.5 percent), reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Although the decline in total shipments was the smallest in a continuous string of monthly disappointments this year, AHAM cautiously avoided reading too much good news into the current numbers.

Since recessionary pressures are still in sight, the Association believes that a few consecutive months of shipment increases are necessary before the home appliance industry can begin to feel upbeat.

October shipments surpassed 3.7 million units, falling only 20,000 units short the previous October level.

By comparison, the core products -- refrigerators, gas and electric ranges, dishwashers, washers and dryers -- advanced beyond their year-ago level by 156,000 units. These products represent the bulk of business for full-line manufacturers.

Shipments of three core products were particularly strong:

- Refrigerators (647,600 units) achieved a new October high,
- Gas ranges (244,900 units) had their best October since 1950, and

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· Automatic washers (592,700 units) reached their second-best October level ever.

Year-to-date shipments of 36.6 million units were down 7.1 percent, compared to the first 10 months of 1990.

With the year almost completed and the two remaining months traditionally slow for appliance shipments, it appears that the industry will not meet the 1991 forecast of 43.3 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
October, 1991

	OCTOBER			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	% Change	1991	1990	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**3,759.6**	**3,779.1**	**-0.5%**	**36,560.7**	**39,338.6**	**-7.1%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,293.9**	**1,433.6**	**-9.7%**	**10,296.3**	**11,457.2**	**-10.1%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	318.8	317.6	0.4%	2,731.3	2,894.3	-5.6%
Free Standing	227.1	219.2	3.6%	1,926.5	1,979.1	-2.7%
Built-In	55.7	58.6	-4.9%	467.8	529.3	-11.6%
Surface Cooking Units	36.0	39.8	-9.5%	337.0	385.9	-12.7%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	244.9	229.6	6.7%	1,957.1	2,035.3	-3.8%
Free Standing	212.5	199.6	6.5%	1,665.4	1,725.9	-3.5%
Built-In	8.7	9.2	-5.4%	73.8	88.0	-16.1%
Surface Cooking Units	23.7	20.8	13.9%	217.9	221.4	-1.6%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	739.0	898.9	-17.8%	5,684.2	6,646.2	-14.5%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**1,010.9**	**926.7**	**9.1%**	**8,824.6**	**8,991.8**	**-1.9%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	592.7	534.6	10.9%	5,244.0	5,329.2	-1.6%
DRYERS - TOTAL	418.2	392.0	6.7%	3,580.6	3,662.6	-2.2%
Electric	311.3	298.8	4.2%	2,744.4	2,819.9	-2.7%
Gas	106.9	93.3	14.6%	836.2	842.7	-0.8%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**666.8**	**708.6**	**-5.9%**	**6,459.9**	**6,852.3**	**-5.7%**
DISPOSERS	312.4	346.7	-9.9%	3,383.8	3,610.2	-6.3%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	342.0	344.6	-0.8%	2,969.0	3,081.4	-3.6%
Built-In	322.4	324.4	-0.6%	2,800.1	2,905.4	-3.6%
Portable	19.6	20.2	-3.0%	169.0	176.0	-4.0%
COMPACTORS	12.4	17.3	-28.3%	107.0	160.7	-33.4%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**765.4**	**691.1**	**10.8%**	**7,450.2**	**7,255.1**	**2.7%**
REFRIGERATORS	647.6	589.7	9.8%	6,267.9	6,156.1	1.8%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	117.8	101.4	16.2%	1,182.3	1,099.0	7.6%
Chest	67.9	51.5	31.8%	661.6	613.8	7.8%
Upright	49.9	49.8	0.2%	520.7	485.2	7.3%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**22.7**	**19.2**	**18.2%**	**3,529.7**	**4,782.2**	**-26.2%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	21.7	2.5	768.0%	2,699.4	4,058.0	-33.5%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	1.0	16.7	-94.0%	830.2	724.2	14.6%

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments
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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS SOAR IN NOVEMBER

CHICAGO -- November shipments of major home appliances increased 7.9 percent in November, registering the first monthly gain since July 1990 and the largest monthly advance since March 1989, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

While November shipments surpassed 3.4 million units and year-to-date totals exceeded 40 million units, the first 11 months of this year were down 5.9 percent from the same period a year ago.

Ten of the twelve product categories contributed to November's advance by surpassing their November, 1990 levels. Three merit special mention:

* Gas ranges (225,600 units) achieved a new November high, and electric ranges (294,700 units) reached their second-best November level.
* Freezers (106,400 units) had their best November shipment in 15 years.

Although room air conditioner shipments advanced significantly, their level was below the November average for the product.

While November's numbers are encouraging, AHAM points out that the figures benefited from comparison to the depressed November shipments of one year ago when Middle East hostilities were intensifying.

With just one month left to year-end, it appears that the industry will be very close to the 1991 forecast of 43.3 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
November, 1991

	NOVEMBER			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	% Change	1991	1990	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**3,476.5**	**3,223.0**	**7.9%**	**40,040.7**	**42,563.4**	**-5.9%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,366.6**	**1,273.8**	**7.3%**	**11,666.5**	**12,732.8**	**-8.4%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	294.7	286.5	2.9%	3,026.4	3,180.8	-4.9%
Free Standing	207.0	199.0	4.0%	2,133.5	2,178.1	-2.0%
Built-In	50.5	54.2	-6.8%	518.7	583.5	-11.1%
Surface Cooking Units	37.2	33.3	11.7%	374.2	419.2	-10.7%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	225.6	204.9	10.1%	2,185.9	2,242.0	-2.5%
Free Standing	190.7	176.3	8.2%	1,859.1	1,902.2	-2.3%
Built-In	9.1	9.6	-5.2%	83.1	97.6	-14.9%
Surface Cooking Units	25.8	19.0	35.8%	243.7	242.2	0.6%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	854.0	792.1	7.8%	6,538.3	7,438.3	-12.1%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**857.5**	**784.4**	**9.3%**	**9,682.1**	**9,776.2**	**-1.0%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	484.7	445.7	8.8%	5,728.7	5,774.8	-0.8%
DRYERS - TOTAL	372.8	338.7	10.1%	3,953.4	4,001.3	-1.2%
Electric	281.7	256.9	9.7%	3,026.1	3,076.8	-1.6%
Gas	91.1	81.9	11.2%	927.3	924.6	0.3%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**596.1**	**556.3**	**7.2%**	**7,056.0**	**7,408.6**	**-4.8%**
DISPOSERS	279.5	265.0	5.5%	3,663.3	3,875.2	-5.5%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	306.2	279.9	9.4%	3,275.2	3,361.3	-2.6%
Built-In	285.6	259.6	10.0%	3,085.7	3,165.0	-2.5%
Portable	20.5	20.3	1.0%	189.5	196.3	-3.5%
COMPACTORS	10.5	11.4	-7.9%	117.5	172.1	-31.7%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**619.6**	**591.6**	**4.7%**	**8,069.7**	**7,846.7**	**2.8%**
REFRIGERATORS	513.1	494.5	3.8%	6,781.0	6,650.7	2.0%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	106.4	97.0	9.7%	1,288.7	1,196.0	7.8%
Chest	59.3	53.1	11.7%	720.9	666.8	8.1%
Upright	47.1	44.0	7.0%	567.8	529.2	7.3%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**36.7**	**17.0**	**115.9%**	**3,566.3**	**4,799.2**	**-25.7%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	31.4	10.2	207.8%	2,730.9	4,068.3	-32.9%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	5.3	6.7	-20.9%	835.5	730.9	14.3%

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STRONG DECEMBER, FOURTH-QUARTER APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS CUSHION 1991 DECLINE

CHICAGO -- Home appliance shipments rose 9.7 percent in December, but fell 4.9 percent for the year, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

December shipments surpassed 3.3 million units as 9 of the 12 appliance categories exceeded their year-ago levels, most of them doing so with double-digit increases.

Fourth-quarter shipments of 10.6 million units also surpassed year-ago levels, with three times as many product advances as declines.

Annual shipments, however, declined 2.2 million units from 1990's level to 43.4 million units.

While shipments for the first three quarters were negative compared to comparable periods one year earlier, gains in the fourth-quarter helped the industry achieve its 1991 forecast. In addition, these accomplishments should be noted:

- Shipments of core products remained relatively steady, declining only 0.2 percent. They include refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers -- the items that account for the bulk of dollar value for full-line appliance manfuacturers.

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- Refrigerators and dehumidifiers achieved record highs for their categories, while clothes washers had their second-best year. In 1991, over 7.2 million refrigerators, 840,000 dehumidifiers, and nearly 6.2 million clothes washers were shipped.

According to the industry forecast compiled in August, appliance shipments in 1992 are expected to increase 3.0 percent to 44.7 million units.

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December, 1991

	DECEMBER			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE			CALENDAR QUARTER		
	1991	1990	% Change	1991	1990	% Change	1991	1990	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	3,357.3	3,059.1	9.7%	43,398.0	45,622.6	-4.9%	10,597.0	10,063.2	5.3%
COOKING - TOTAL	1,185.7	1,128.8	5.0%	12,852.2	13,861.6	-7.3%	3,849.8	3,838.1	0.3%
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	282.5	263.4	7.3%	3,308.8	3,444.2	-3.9%	896.3	867.5	3.3%
Free Standing	198.4	179.5	10.5%	2,331.9	2,357.6	-1.1%	632.5	597.7	5.8%
Built-In	49.3	48.0	2.7%	568.0	631.5	-10.1%	155.9	160.8	-3.0%
Surface Cooking Units	34.7	35.9	-3.3%	408.9	455.1	-10.2%	107.9	109.0	-1.0%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	214.7	186.6	15.1%	2,400.6	2,428.7	-1.2%	688.4	623.0	10.5%
Free Standing	181.5	158.6	14.4%	2,040.6	2,060.8	-1.0%	587.6	534.5	9.9%
Built-In	8.7	8.6	1.2%	91.8	106.2	-13.6%	26.7	27.4	-2.6%
Surface Cooking Units	24.5	19.4	26.3%	268.2	261.6	2.5%	74.0	61.1	21.1%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	695.7	687.9	1.1%	7,234.0	8,126.3	-11.0%	2,288.8	2,379.0	-3.8%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	827.8	735.9	12.5%	10,509.9	10,512.1	-0.0%	2,696.2	2,447.0	10.2%
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	468.1	417.2	12.2%	6,196.8	6,192.1	0.1%	1,545.5	1,397.5	10.6%
DRYERS - TOTAL	359.7	318.7	12.9%	4,313.1	4,320.1	-0.2%	1,150.7	1,049.5	9.6%
Electric	268.7	241.1	11.4%	3,294.9	3,317.9	-0.7%	861.7	796.7	8.2%
Gas	91.0	77.6	17.3%	1,018.3	1,002.2	1.6%	289.0	252.8	14.3%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	645.6	550.5	17.3%	7,701.7	7,959.1	-3.2%	1,908.6	1,815.4	5.1%
DISPOSERS	338.3	262.0	29.1%	4,001.6	4,137.2	-3.3%	930.2	873.7	6.5%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	295.6	275.5	7.3%	3,570.8	3,636.8	-1.8%	943.7	900.0	4.9%
Built-In	274.3	254.4	7.8%	3,360.1	3,419.4	-1.7%	882.4	838.3	5.3%
Portable	21.2	21.1	0.5%	210.7	217.5	-3.1%	61.3	61.6	-0.5%
COMPACTORS	11.8	12.9	-8.5%	129.3	185.0	-30.1%	34.6	41.7	-17.0%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	617.5	550.7	12.1%	8,687.2	8,397.4	3.5%	2,002.4	1,833.4	9.2%
REFRIGERATORS	492.1	450.7	9.2%	7,273.1	7,101.3	2.4%	1,652.8	1,534.9	7.7%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	125.4	100.0	25.4%	1,414.1	1,296.0	9.1%	349.6	298.4	17.2%
Chest	73.4	56.3	30.4%	794.3	723.1	9.8%	200.7	160.9	24.7%
Upright	52.0	43.7	19.0%	619.8	572.9	8.2%	149.0	137.5	8.4%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	80.7	93.2	-13.4%	3,647.0	4,892.4	-25.5%	140.0	129.4	8.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	76.1	81.7	-6.9%	2,807.0	4,149.9	-32.4%	129.2	94.4	36.9%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	4.6	11.6	-60.3%	840.0	742.5	13.1%	10.9	35.0	-68.9%

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments.
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TRENDS AND FORECASTS
INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS

PRODUCT	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992**	1993***
Cooking - Total	7,598	10,429	14,099	16,404	18,091	18,586	16,973	16,378	13,862	12,852	13,482	14,158
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	2,331	3,132	3,456	3,551	3,741	3,841	3,708	3,529	3,444	3,309	3,416	3,509
Free Standing	1,619	2,190	2,496	2,568	2,721	2,691	2,566	2,401	2,358	2,332	2,374	2,397
Built-In	417	563	577	574	598	655	635	648	632	568	602	648
Surface Cooking Units	295	378	382	409	423	495	506	480	455	409	440	464
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	1,368	1,573	1,732	1,814	2,090	2,319	2,457	2,414	2,429	2,401	2,385	2,460
Free-Standing#	1,289	1,477	1,626	1,694	1,826	2,022	2,101	2,055	2,061	2,041	2,025	2,081
Built-In#	79	96	106	120	114	120	127	112	106	92	102	106
Surface Cooking Units		Data not available			150	176	230	247	262	268	258	273
MICROWAVE OVEN/RANGES	4,071	5,933	9,132	10,883	12,444	12,610	10,988	10,598	8,126	7,234	7,806	8,327
Home Laundry - Total	6,746	7,910	8,733	9,192	10,009	10,635	10,791	10,825	10,512	10,510	10,642	10,737
WASHERS - TOTAL	4,019	4,616	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,273	6,314
Automatic	3,955	4,546	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,273	6,314
Wringer & Other	64	69	Series discontinued									
DRYERS - TOTAL	2,727	3,294	3,684	3,914	4,245	4,637	4,601	4,574	4,320	4,313	4,370	4,423
Electric	2,143	2,622	2,931	3,080	3,309	3,600	3,554	3,522	3,318	3,295	3,354	3,406
Gas	584	672	754	834	936	1,037	1,047	1,052	1,002	1,018	1,016	1,017
Kitchen Clean Up - Total	5,098	6,822	7,758	7,858	8,381	8,696	8,383	8,244	7,959	7,702	7,938	8,344
DISPOSERS	2,780	3,544	4,085	4,105	4,269	4,438	4,233	4,363	4,137	4,002	4,118	4,309
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	2,170	3,121	3,491	3,575	3,918	4,032	3,907	3,668	3,637	3,571	3,655	3,850
Built-In	1,956	2,859	3,245	3,327	3,663	3,763	3,647	3,456	3,419	3,360	3,439	3,641
Portable	214	262	246	248	255	269	260	213	218	211	216	210
COMPACTORS	148	157	182	177	194	226	243	213	185	129	166	185
Food Preservation - Total	5,704	6,818	7,275	7,316	7,733	8,232	8,576	8,317	8,397	8,687	8,498	8,647
REFRIGERATORS##	4,364	5,477	5,994	6,081	6,510	6,972	7,227	7,099	7,101	7,278	7,188	7,377
FREEZERS - TOTAL	1,340	1,341	1,281	1,236	1,222	1,260	1,349	1,219	1,296	1,414	1,310	1,270
Chest	726	702	650	634	661	692	727	677	723	794	733	695
Upright	614	639	631	602	561	567	622	541	573	620	577	576
Home Comfort - Total	3,201	2,439	3,694	3,610	3,371	4,503	5,310	5,696	4,892	3,647	4,152	4,650
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	2,761	2,002	3,103	3,022	2,816	3,798	4,637	5,091	4,150	2,807	3,402	3,950
DEHUMIDIFIERS	440	437	591	588	555	704	673	605	743	840	750	700
All Major Appliances	28,346	34,417	41,558	44,020	47,585	50,652	50,033	49,461	45,623	43,398	44,713	46,535

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments.
** Forecasts as of August, 1991.
*** Forecasts as of May, 1991.
# Drop-in gas range data included in free-standing total for 1982 through 1984; thereafter drop-in gas range data included in built-in total.
Includes units of 6.5 cu. ft. and over.

Total industry shipments may not add due to rounding and overlapping categories.

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WEAK APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS START OFF NEW YEAR

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry shipped over 3.3 million units in January, the lowest level for the month since 1983, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Monthly appliance shipments declined 6.2 percent compared to one year ago, and only two product categories showed increases.

* **Dehumidifier** shipments, spurred by widespread rains and humid conditions, increased 6.1 percent to 31,400 units, the second-highest January level for the product since 1985.
* **Microwave oven** shipments increased 2.5 percent to 697,500 units. In spite of the increase, January shipments of the product were at the lowest level for the month since 1984.

While total January shipments of gas ranges declined, built-ins and surface cooking units increased 2.7 percent and 20.7 percent respectively, indicating some resurgence in kitchen remodeling and upscale new home building. Nearly 8,000 built-ins and 23,300 surface cooking units were shipped in January.

According to the latest industry forecast, 1992 appliance shipments are expected to surpass 44.7 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
January, 1992

	JANUARY 1992	JANUARY 1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**3,344.3**	**3,566.7**	**-6.2%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,125.1**	**1,130.1**	**-0.4%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	253.1	268.1	-5.6%
Free Standing	176.7	184.4	-4.2%
Built-In	44.2	49.6	-10.9%
Surface Cooking Units	32.2	34.1	-5.6%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	181.4	190.4	-4.7%
Free Standing	150.4	163.5	-8.0%
Built-In	7.7	7.5	2.7%
Surface Cooking Units	23.3	19.3	20.7%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	697.5	680.2	2.5%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**898.4**	**973.1**	**-7.7%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	512.4	555.1	-7.7%
DRYERS - TOTAL	386.1	417.9	-7.6%
Electric	291.9	317.7	-8.1%
Gas	94.2	100.3	-6.1%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**630.6**	**696.8**	**-9.5%**
DISPOSERS	349.2	361.9	-3.5%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	272.3	321.9	-15.4%
Built-In	255.7	298.7	-14.4%
Portable	16.6	23.2	-28.4%
COMPACTORS	9.0	13.0	-30.8%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**556.1**	**578.0**	**-3.8%**
REFRIGERATORS	466.1	483.2	-3.5%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	89.9	94.8	-5.2%
Chest	47.8	51.5	-7.2%
Upright	42.1	43.3	-2.8%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**134.2**	**188.8**	**-28.9%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	102.8	159.2	-35.4%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	31.4	29.6	6.1%

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

RISE 8.4% IN FEBRUARY

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry shipped over 3.4 million units in February, almost 264,000 units more for the month than one year ago, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

The vast majority of product categories (ten of 12) contributed to the month's advance by surpassing their year-ago levels. Shipments of two deserve special mention:

- **Gas ranges** increased 17.4% for the month to their best February level since 1973. Product shipments reached 186,700 units.
- **Freezers,** up 21.7%, achieved their highest February level since 1984. Product shipments totaled 90,800 units.

While February's numbers are encouraging, they benefited from comparison to the depressed levels of one year ago when the Gulf War was in progress. The gains reported for the month had the net effect of boosting February product shipments nearer to their 1990 levels.

Comparing the first two months of this year to last, shipments increased by 0.6% to over 6.7 million units. Only four of the 12 product categories contributed to the increase.

Major appliance shipments in 1992 are expected to reach 44.7 million units, according to the latest industry forecast.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
February, 1992

	FEBRUARY			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**3,406.5**	**3,142.6**	**8.4%**	**6,750.8**	**6,709.3**	**0.6%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,110.1**	**953.5**	**16.4%**	**2,235.2**	**2,083.6**	**7.3%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	250.8	236.5	6.0%	503.9	504.6	-0.1%
Free Standing	172.2	164.3	4.8%	348.9	348.7	0.1%
Built-In	46.2	41.7	10.8%	90.4	91.3	-1.0%
Surface Cooking Units	32.4	30.5	6.2%	64.7	64.6	0.2%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	186.7	159.0	17.4%	368.1	349.5	5.3%
Free Standing	155.0	132.3	17.2%	305.4	295.8	3.2%
Built-In	6.9	6.8	1.5%	14.6	14.3	2.1%
Surface Cooking Units	24.8	20.0	24.0%	48.1	39.3	22.4%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	679.6	565.1	20.3%	1,377.1	1,245.3	10.6%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**857.9**	**829.3**	**3.4%**	**1,756.4**	**1,802.4**	**-2.6%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	502.1	485.7	3.4%	1,014.5	1,040.9	-2.5%
DRYERS - TOTAL	355.8	343.5	3.6%	741.9	761.5	-2.6%
Electric	270.5	267.0	1.3%	562.4	584.6	-3.8%
Gas	85.3	76.6	11.4%	179.5	176.9	1.5%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**570.9**	**573.7**	**-0.5%**	**1,201.4**	**1,270.5**	**-5.4%**
DISPOSERS	293.6	308.8	-4.9%	642.8	670.7	-4.2%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	267.5	255.3	4.8%	539.9	577.2	-6.5%
Built-In	253.8	237.8	6.7%	509.6	536.4	-5.0%
Portable	13.7	17.5	-21.7%	30.3	40.7	-25.6%
COMPACTORS	9.8	9.7	1.0%	18.8	22.6	-16.8%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**567.7**	**508.4**	**11.7%**	**1,123.8**	**1,086.3**	**3.5%**
REFRIGERATORS	476.9	433.8	9.9%	943.1	917.0	2.8%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	90.8	74.6	21.7%	180.7	169.3	6.7%
Chest	51.3	38.4	33.6%	99.1	89.9	10.2%
Upright	39.4	36.1	9.1%	81.6	79.4	2.8%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**299.9**	**277.8**	**8.0%**	**434.1**	**466.6**	**-7.0%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	226.9	184.7	22.8%	329.7	343.9	-4.1%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	73.0	93.1	-21.6%	104.4	122.7	-14.9%

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THIRD-BEST MARCH

FOR MAJOR HOME APPLIANCES

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry showed renewed strength in March as shipments jumped 16.1% over one year ago to surpass 4.3 million units, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Up nearly 600,000 units over the comparable 1991 period, appliance shipments reached the third-highest level in history for March.

Eleven of the 12 product categories contributed to the excellent month by surpassing their 1991 March levels, with eight achieving double-digit gains. Of the eleven, five product categories deserve special mention.

- **Refrigerators, automatic washers, dryers** and **dehumidifiers** set all-time March records. Refrigerators (614,000 units) were up 15.2%; automatic washers (602,100 units), up 18.8%; dryers (434,800 units), up 26.5%; and dehumidifiers (131,300 units) up 15.9%.
- Electric **ranges** (300,100 units) achieved their second-best March level ever, while the monthly shipment of gas ranges (207,600 units) was the highest March shipment of that product since 1973. Shipments increased 8.4% for electric ranges and 7.5% for gas ranges.

"Obviously, the March gains are good news for the appliance industry," observed Robert L. Holding, AHAM president. "It's not clear, though, whether the gains represent the beginning of the long-awaited economic recovery or a good month in an up-and-down year."

"Certainly, the year-to-year comparison is exaggerated somewhat by last year's Gulf War period, but two strong months in a row is a very hopeful sign."

In addition to robust shipments in February and March, optimism is fueled also by the fact that first-quarter shipments were up 6.1% to over 11 million units.

Shipments in 1992 are expected to increase 2.9% to 44.6 million units, according to the latest industry forecast.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
March, 1992

	MARCH			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**4,314.6**	**3,717.3**	**16.1%**	**11,065.5**	**10,426.7**	**6.1%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,188.8**	**973.8**	**22.1%**	**3,424.0**	**3,057.4**	**12.0%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	300.1	276.9	8.4%	804.1	781.5	2.9%
Free Standing	208.4	192.9	8.0%	557.3	541.5	2.9%
Built-In	50.1	46.0	8.9%	140.5	137.3	2.3%
Surface Cooking Units	41.7	38.1	9.4%	106.3	102.6	3.6%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	207.6	193.1	7.5%	575.7	542.6	6.1%
Free Standing	173.1	159.6	8.5%	478.6	455.5	5.1%
Built-In	7.9	8.4	-6.0%	22.5	22.7	-0.9%
Surface Cooking Units	26.6	25.2	5.6%	74.6	64.4	15.8%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	688.8	511.4	34.7%	2,065.9	1,756.6	17.6%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**1,036.9**	**850.6**	**21.9%**	**2,793.3**	**2,652.9**	**5.3%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	602.1	506.8	18.8%	1,616.6	1,547.7	4.5%
DRYERS - TOTAL	434.8	343.8	26.5%	1,176.7	1,105.3	6.5%
Electric	327.3	267.2	22.5%	889.7	851.8	4.4%
Gas	107.4	76.6	40.2%	286.9	253.4	13.2%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**692.0**	**649.8**	**6.5%**	**1,893.4**	**1,920.3**	**-1.4%**
DISPOSERS	349.8	362.5	-3.5%	992.6	1,033.1	-3.9%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	331.2	277.9	19.2%	871.1	855.0	1.9%
Built-In	314.1	263.7	19.1%	823.7	800.1	2.9%
Portable	17.1	14.2	20.4%	47.4	54.9	-13.7%
COMPACTORS	10.9	9.5	14.7%	29.7	32.1	-7.5%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**742.4**	**633.3**	**17.2%**	**1,866.2**	**1,719.6**	**8.5%**
REFRIGERATORS	614.0	533.2	15.2%	1,557.1	1,450.2	7.4%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	128.4	100.1	28.3%	309.1	269.4	14.7%
Chest	77.5	55.8	38.9%	176.7	145.7	21.3%
Upright	50.8	44.3	14.7%	132.4	123.8	6.9%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**654.6**	**609.8**	**7.3%**	**1,088.7**	**1,076.4**	**1.1%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	523.3	496.5	5.4%	853.0	840.4	1.5%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	131.3	113.3	15.9%	235.6	236.0	-0.2%

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TRENDS AND FORECASTS
INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS

PRODUCT	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992**	1993**
Cooking - Total	7,598	10,429	14,099	16,404	18,091	18,586	16,973	16,378	13,862	12,852	13,198	13,487
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	2,331	3,132	3,456	3,551	3,741	3,841	3,708	3,529	3,444	3,309	3,394	3,515
Free Standing	1,619	2,190	2,496	2,568	2,721	2,691	2,566	2,401	2,358	2,332	2,384	2,465
Built-In	417	563	577	574	598	655	635	648	632	568	594	624
Surface Cooking Units	295	378	382	409	423	495	506	480	455	409	417	426
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	1,368	1,573	1,732	1,814	2,090	2,319	2,457	2,414	2,429	2,401	2,453	2,518
Free-Standing#	1,289	1,477	1,626	1,694	1,826	2,022	2,101	2,055	2,061	2,041	2,084	2,126
Built-In#	79	96	106	120	114	120	127	112	106	92	98	105
Surface Cooking Units		Data not available			150	176	230	247	262	268	272	287
MICROWAVE OVEN/RANGES	4,071	5,933	9,132	10,883	12,444	12,610	10,988	10,598	8,126	7,234	7,441	7,548
Home Laundry - Total	6,746	7,910	8,733	9,192	10,009	10,635	10,791	10,825	10,512	10,510	10,720	11,037
WASHERS - TOTAL	4,019	4,616	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,342	6,539
Automatic	3,955	4,546	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,342	6,539
Wringer & Other	64	69		Series discontinued								
DRYERS - TOTAL	2,727	3,294	3,684	3,914	4,245	4,637	4,601	4,574	4,320	4,313	4,377	4,498
Electric	2,143	2,622	2,931	3,080	3,309	3,600	3,554	3,522	3,318	3,295	3,346	3,421
Gas	584	672	754	834	936	1,037	1,047	1,052	1,002	1,018	1,031	1,077
Kitchen Clean Up - Total	5,098	6,822	7,758	7,858	8,381	8,696	8,383	8,244	7,959	7,702	7,906	8,368
DISPOSERS	2,780	3,544	4,085	4,105	4,269	4,438	4,233	4,363	4,137	4,002	4,146	4,400
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	2,170	3,121	3,491	3,575	3,918	4,032	3,907	3,668	3,637	3,571	3,619	3,816
Built-In	1,956	2,859	3,245	3,327	3,663	3,763	3,647	3,456	3,419	3,360	3,412	3,604
Portable	214	262	246	248	255	269	260	213	218	211	208	213
COMPACTORS	148	157	182	177	194	226	243	213	185	129	141	152
Food Preservation - Total	5,704	6,818	7,275	7,316	7,733	8,232	8,576	8,317	8,397	8,687	8,800	9,007
REFRIGERATORS##	4,364	5,477	5,994	6,081	6,510	6,972	7,227	7,099	7,101	7,273	7,405	7,620
FREEZERS - TOTAL	1,340	1,341	1,281	1,236	1,222	1,260	1,349	1,219	1,296	1,414	1,395	1,388
Chest	726	702	650	634	661	692	727	677	723	794	780	777
Upright	614	639	631	602	561	567	622	541	573	620	616	611
Home Comfort - Total	3,201	2,439	3,694	3,610	3,371	4,503	5,310	5,696	4,892	3,647	4,065	4,272
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	2,761	2,002	3,103	3,022	2,816	3,798	4,637	5,091	4,150	2,807	3,300	3,508
DEHUMIDIFIERS	440	437	591	588	555	704	673	605	743	840	765	765
All Major Appliances	28,346	34,417	41,558	44,020	47,585	50,652	50,033	49,461	45,623	43,398	44,688	46,171

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments.
** Forecasts as of February, 1992.
# Drop-in gas range data included in free-standing total for 1982 through 1984; thereafter drop-in gas range data included in built-in total.
Includes units of 6.5 cu. ft. and over.

Total industry shipments may not add due to rounding and overlapping categories.

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THIRD-BEST APRIL

FOR MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- Over 4.0 million major home appliances were shipped in April, a quarter-million more than one year earlier, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

The strong gain in April shipments, preceded by two consecutive months of robust demand, signals the long-awaited rebound for major home appliances.

Shipments increased 6.7% in April and 6.3% in the first four months, compared to the same periods one year ago.

These two signs of strength were especially evident: ten of the 12 product categories surpassed their year-ago levels, and several core products -- categories accounting for the bulk of dollar value for full-line appliance manufacturers -- set all-time April highs:

- Refrigerators -- at 640,400 units, passed their April record of last year by nearly 35,000 units.
- Electric ranges -- at 302,500 units, surpassed their 1978 April record by 11,500 units.
- Gas dryers -- at 91,100 units, passed last April's record by 9,300 units.

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- Electric dryers -- at 266,300 units, passed their April 1987 record by 2,300 units.
- Gas ranges -- at 212,900 units, surpassed their 1972 April record by almost 2,000 units.

Shipments for the first four months exceeded 15.1 million units, nearly 900,000 units more than the same 1991 period.

According to the industry forecast developed in February, 1992 shipments are expected to increase 2.9% over 1991's to approximately 44.6 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
April, 1992

	APRIL			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**4,054.9**	**3,798.6**	**6.7%**	**15,120.4**	**14,228.4**	**6.3%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,125.6**	**935.4**	**20.3%**	**4,549.6**	**3,996.0**	**13.9%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	302.5	278.3	8.7%	1,106.6	1,059.8	4.4%
Free Standing	211.2	196.5	7.5%	768.5	738.0	4.1%
Built-In	53.6	47.0	14.0%	194.1	184.3	5.3%
Surface Cooking Units	37.8	34.8	8.6%	144.1	137.4	4.9%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	212.9	193.5	10.0%	788.6	739.3	6.7%
Free Standing	182.3	163.5	11.5%	660.9	622.2	6.2%
Built-In	8.4	7.6	10.5%	30.9	30.3	2.0%
Surface Cooking Units	22.2	22.4	-0.9%	96.8	86.8	11.5%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	618.3	471.2	31.2%	2,684.2	2,227.8	20.5%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**865.4**	**862.9**	**0.3%**	**3,658.7**	**3,515.9**	**4.1%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	508.0	519.0	-2.1%	2,124.6	2,066.7	2.8%
DRYERS - TOTAL	357.4	343.9	3.9%	1,534.1	1,449.2	5.9%
Electric	266.3	262.1	1.6%	1,156.1	1,113.9	3.8%
Gas	91.1	81.8	11.4%	378.0	335.2	12.8%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**629.0**	**596.1**	**5.5%**	**2,522.4**	**2,516.4**	**0.2%**
DISPOSERS	298.5	281.6	6.0%	1,291.1	1,314.8	-1.8%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	320.6	304.8	5.2%	1,191.6	1,159.8	2.7%
Built-In	303.3	287.2	5.6%	1,127.0	1,087.4	3.6%
Portable	17.2	17.6	-2.3%	64.6	72.5	-10.9%
COMPACTORS	10.0	9.7	3.1%	39.7	41.8	-5.0%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**760.7**	**719.9**	**5.7%**	**2,626.9**	**2,439.6**	**7.7%**
REFRIGERATORS	640.4	605.7	5.7%	2,197.5	2,055.9	6.9%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	120.3	114.2	5.3%	429.4	383.6	11.9%
Chest	73.9	66.9	10.5%	250.6	212.6	17.9%
Upright	46.4	47.3	-1.9%	178.8	171.0	4.6%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**674.1**	**684.3**	**-1.5%**	**1,762.8**	**1,760.7**	**0.1%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	545.2	532.2	2.4%	1,398.2	1,372.6	1.9%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	129.0	152.1	-15.2%	364.6	388.1	-6.1%

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Major Appliance Shipments Continue Advancing in May

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry shipped more than 4.0 million units in May for a 3.8% gain over one year ago, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Total year-to-date shipments of nearly 19.2 million units reflect a healthy 5.7% increase over the same five-month period one year ago.

Most of the appliance categories contributed to the excellent month by surpassing their year-ago shipment levels, with four achieving double-digit gains:

- Microwave ovens jumped 27.7% to 650,200 units because of growing consumer interest in replacement products. In 1991, 83% of homes owned microwave ovens, most of which were purchased around 1987, the peak shipment year for the product.
- Freezers increased 20.5% to 131,600 units, their best May level in a decade.
- Dryers advanced 11.6% to 355,800 units, boosted by an all-time high May shipment of gas dryers (92,500 units).
- Gas ranges increased 11.5% to 209,300 units, the product's best May shipment since 1973.

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Moderate weather prevailed through much of the country in May, depressing demand for home comfort appliances by 10.2% to 688,700 units. Year-to-date shipments of these appliances, however, are down only 3.0%.

By year-end, annual shipments are expected to reach 44.7 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
May, 1992

	MAY			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**4,055.5**	**3,908.1**	**3.8%**	**19,172.0**	**18,134.8**	**5.7%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,122.2**	**954.0**	**17.6%**	**5,667.5**	**4,948.2**	**14.5%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	269.9	263.7	2.4%	1,374.0	1,321.7	4.0%
Free Standing	191.1	185.3	3.1%	960.0	923.3	4.0%
Built-In	45.9	45.5	0.9%	240.1	229.8	4.5%
Surface Cooking Units	32.8	32.9	-0.3%	173.8	168.6	3.1%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	209.3	187.7	11.5%	996.1	927.0	7.5%
Free Standing	179.3	158.4	13.2%	841.3	780.6	7.8%
Built-In	6.7	7.5	-10.7%	37.7	37.8	-0.3%
Surface Cooking Units	23.3	21.8	6.9%	117.1	108.6	7.8%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	650.2	509.2	27.7%	3,334.4	2,737.0	21.8%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**851.0**	**808.7**	**5.2%**	**4,509.7**	**4,324.5**	**4.3%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	495.2	490.0	1.1%	2,619.8	2,556.7	2.5%
DRYERS - TOTAL	355.8	318.7	11.6%	1,889.9	1,767.9	6.9%
Electric	263.3	246.7	6.7%	1,419.3	1,360.7	4.3%
Gas	92.5	72.0	28.5%	470.6	407.2	15.6%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**604.7**	**605.4**	**-0.1%**	**3,127.2**	**3,121.8**	**0.2%**
DISPOSERS	303.6	306.5	-0.9%	1,594.7	1,621.3	-1.6%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	293.1	288.3	1.7%	1,484.7	1,448.2	2.5%
Built-In	277.7	271.6	2.2%	1,404.7	1,359.0	3.4%
Portable	15.4	16.7	-7.8%	80.0	89.2	-10.3%
COMPACTORS	8.0	10.6	-24.5%	47.7	52.4	-9.0%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**788.9**	**773.1**	**2.0%**	**3,416.2**	**3,212.7**	**6.3%**
REFRIGERATORS	657.2	663.9	-1.0%	2,854.7	2,719.9	5.0%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	131.6	109.2	20.5%	561.5	492.8	13.9%
Chest	82.3	65.6	25.5%	332.8	278.2	19.6%
Upright	49.4	43.6	13.3%	228.7	214.6	6.6%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**688.7**	**766.9**	**-10.2%**	**2,451.5**	**2,527.6**	**-3.0%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	556.8	613.3	-9.2%	1,955.0	1,985.9	-1.6%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	132.0	153.6	-14.1%	496.6	541.7	-8.3%

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STRONG SECCND-QUARTER AND YEAR-TO-DATE GAINS OUTPACE JUNE APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- Major home appliance industry shipments increased 5.5% in the first-half, 4.6% in the second-quarter, and 2.7% in June, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

June shipments were only 4.3 million units because, with weather mild this summer, consumer demand for home comfort appliances is off. Shipments of room air conditioners and dehumidifiers are down 27.1% for June.

Core product shipments, however, increased 4.4% during the month. These include refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers and home laundry equipment, and represent the bulk of dollar value for full-line appliance manufacturers.

All of these surpassed their June 1991 levels as several appliance categories made notable advances.

- **Gas dryers** (97,700 units) had their best June ever.
- **Refrigerators** (788,100 units), **disposers** (415,900 units), and **electric ranges** (300,600 units) each achieved their second-best June levels.
- **Gas ranges** (224,200 units) had their best June since 1973, and for **freezers** (175,800 units), it was their best June since 1981.

The industry shipped 23.5 million units since the start of the year and 12.4 million in the second quarter.

The latest industry forecast, compiled in May, projects a 2.7% increase in appliance shipments this year to 44.6 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
June, 1992

	JUNE			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE			CALENDAR QUARTER		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**4,259.2**	**4,147.4**	**2.7%**	**23,510.9**	**22,282.1**	**5.5%**	**12,403.7**	**11,855.5**	**4.6%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,144.3**	**1,013.2**	**12.9%**	**6,811.8**	**5,961.4**	**14.3%**	**3,387.8**	**2,904.0**	**16.7%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	300.6	274.8	9.4%	1,674.6	1,596.5	4.9%	870.5	815.0	6.8%
Free Standing	209.7	194.0	8.1%	1,169.6	1,117.3	4.7%	612.4	575.8	6.4%
Built-In	51.3	45.1	13.7%	291.5	275.0	6.0%	151.0	137.6	9.7%
Surface Cooking Units	39.6	35.7	10.9%	213.5	204.3	4.5%	107.1	101.6	5.4%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	224.2	203.0	10.4%	1,220.3	1,130.0	8.0%	644.6	587.4	9.7%
Free Standing	190.6	173.5	9.9%	1,031.9	954.0	8.2%	553.3	498.6	11.0%
Built-In	7.2	6.1	18.0%	44.9	43.9	2.3%	22.4	21.2	5.7%
Surface Cooking Units	26.4	23.4	12.8%	143.5	132.0	8.7%	68.8	67.6	1.8%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	628.0	542.7	15.7%	3,962.4	3,279.7	20.8%	1,896.5	1,523.1	24.5%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**940.8**	**897.3**	**4.8%**	**5,450.5**	**5,221.8**	**4.4%**	**2,657.3**	**2,568.9**	**3.4%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	553.2	545.9	1.3%	3,173.0	3,102.6	2.3%	1,556.4	1,554.9	0.1%
DRYERS - TOTAL	387.6	351.4	10.3%	2,277.5	2,119.2	7.5%	1,100.8	1,014.0	8.6%
Electric	289.9	266.6	8.7%	1,709.2	1,627.3	5.0%	819.5	775.5	5.7%
Gas	97.7	84.7	15.3%	568.3	491.9	15.5%	281.3	238.5	17.9%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**748.3**	**674.7**	**10.9%**	**3,875.5**	**3,796.5**	**2.1%**	**1,982.1**	**1,876.1**	**5.7%**
DISPOSERS	415.9	360.3	15.4%	2,010.6	1,981.5	1.5%	1,018.0	948.4	7.3%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	320.8	304.3	5.4%	1,805.5	1,752.4	3.0%	934.4	897.4	4.1%
Built-In	306.2	289.3	5.8%	1,710.9	1,648.3	3.8%	887.2	848.2	4.6%
Portable	14.6	15.0	-2.7%	94.6	104.2	-9.2%	47.2	49.2	-4.1%
COMPACTORS	11.7	10.1	15.8%	59.4	62.5	-5.0%	29.7	30.3	-2.0%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**963.9**	**929.1**	**3.7%**	**4,366.5**	**4,141.8**	**5.4%**	**2,499.2**	**2,422.2**	**3.2%**
REFRIGERATORS	788.1	786.6	0.2%	3,642.8	3,506.5	3.9%	2,085.7	2,056.3	1.4%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	175.8	142.5	23.4%	723.7	635.3	13.9%	413.5	365.9	13.0%
Chest	102.7	77.0	33.4%	419.5	355.2	18.1%	246.6	209.6	17.7%
Upright	73.1	65.5	11.6%	304.2	280.1	8.6%	166.9	156.4	6.7%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**461.8**	**633.2**	**-27.1%**	**3,006.6**	**3,160.8**	**-4.9%**	**1,877.4**	**2,084.3**	**-9.9%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	380.1	446.8	-14.9%	2,422.1	2,432.7	-0.4%	1,534.6	1,592.3	-3.6%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	81.8	186.4	-56.1%	584.5	728.1	-19.7%	342.7	492.1	-30.4%

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INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS

PRODUCT	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992**	1993**
Cooking - Total	7,598	10,429	14,099	16,404	18,091	18,586	16,973	16,378	13,862	12,852	13,280	13,703
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	2,331	3,132	3,456	3,551	3,741	3,841	3,708	3,529	3,444	3,309	3,398	3,518
Free Standing	1,619	2,190	2,496	2,568	2,721	2,691	2,566	2,401	2,358	2,332	2,386	2,470
Built-In	417	563	577	574	598	655	635	648	632	568	594	623
Surface Cooking Units	295	378	382	409	423	495	506	480	455	409	419	426
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	1,368	1,573	1,732	1,814	2,090	2,319	2,457	2,414	2,429	2,401	2,482	2,532
Free-Standing#	1,289	1,477	1,626	1,694	1,826	2,022	2,101	2,055	2,061	2,041	2,104	2,147
Built-In#	79	96	106	120	114	120	127	112	106	92	96	100
Surface Cooking Units					150	176	230	247	262	268	282	285
MICROWAVE OVEN/RANGES	4,071	5,933	9,132	10,883	12,444	12,610	10,988	10,598	8,126	7,234	7,491	7,748
Home Laundry - Total	6,746	7,910	8,733	9,192	10,009	10,635	10,791	10,825	10,512	10,510	10,798	11,020
WASHERS - TOTAL	4,019	4,616	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,356	6,509
Automatic	3,955	4,546	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,356	6,509
Wringer & Other	64	69										
DRYERS - TOTAL	2,727	3,294	3,684	3,914	4,245	4,637	4,601	4,574	4,320	4,313	4,443	4,512
Electric	2,143	2,622	2,931	3,080	3,309	3,600	3,554	3,522	3,318	3,295	3,395	3,442
Gas	584	672	754	834	936	1,037	1,047	1,052	1,002	1,018	1,048	1,070
Kitchen Clean Up - Total	5,098	6,822	7,758	7,858	8,381	8,696	8,383	8,244	7,959	7,702	7,774	8,066
DISPOSERS	2,780	3,544	4,085	4,105	4,269	4,438	4,233	4,363	4,137	4,002	3,975	4,104
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	2,170	3,121	3,491	3,575	3,918	4,032	3,907	3,668	3,637	3,571	3,669	3,824
Built-In	1,956	2,859	3,245	3,327	3,663	3,763	3,647	3,456	3,419	3,360	3,453	3,605
Portable	214	262	246	248	255	269	260	213	218	211	216	219
COMPACTORS	148	157	182	177	194	226	243	213	185	129	130	138
Food Preservation - Total	5,704	6,818	7,275	7,316	7,733	8,232	8,576	8,317	8,397	8,687	8,806	8,985
REFRIGERATORS##	4,364	5,477	5,994	6,081	6,510	6,972	7,227	7,099	7,101	7,273	7,417	7,600
FREEZERS - TOTAL	1,340	1,341	1,281	1,236	1,222	1,260	1,349	1,219	1,296	1,414	1,389	1,385
Chest	726	702	650	634	661	692	727	677	723	794	770	776
Upright	614	639	631	602	561	567	622	541	573	620	619	609
Home Comfort - Total	3,201	2,439	3,694	3,610	3,371	4,503	5,310	5,696	4,892	3,647	3,933	4,265
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	2,761	2,002	3,103	3,022	2,816	3,798	4,637	5,091	4,150	2,807	3,168	3,500
DEHUMIDIFIERS	440	437	591	588	555	704	673	605	743	840	765	765
All Major Appliances	28,346	34,417	41,558	44,020	47,585	50,652	50,033	49,461	45,623	43,398	44,590	46,040

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments.
** Forecasts as of May, 1992.
# Drop-in gas range data included in free-standing total for 1982 through 1984; thereafter drop-in gas range data included in built-in total.
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Major Appliance Shipments Continue Advancing In July

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry shipped almost 3.9 million units in July for a 9.0% gain over one year ago, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Total year-to-date shipments of 27.4 million units reflect a healthy 6.3% increase over the same seven-month period one year ago.

Nine of the 12 appliance categories surpassed their year-ago shipment levels, with two reaching new July highs.

- Refrigerators increased 5.0% to 812,900 units, a new July record for the product and their second-best monthly shipment ever, and
- Gas ranges advanced 14.3% to an all-time high July shipment of 204,000 units.

Besides gas ranges, three other products achieved double-digit shipment increases.

- Freezers gained 33.1% to 204,500 units, their best July level since 1981,
- Microwave ovens advanced 22.2% to 619,900 units, indicating renewed consumer interest in replacement products, and
- Room air conditioners increased 42.3% to 243,100 units, because of comparison to the unusually low July level of one year ago.

By year-end, appliance shipments are likely to surpass 44.5 million units.

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July, 1992

	JULY			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**3,874.6**	**3,554.7**	**9.0%**	**27,385.6**	**25,754.5**	**6.3%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,097.7**	**941.4**	**16.6%**	**7,909.5**	**6,906.4**	**14.5%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	280.8	262.8	6.8%	1,955.4	1,859.3	5.2%
Free Standing	201.9	187.2	7.9%	1,371.5	1,304.5	5.1%
Built-In	48.2	43.8	10.0%	339.7	318.7	6.6%
Surface Cooking Units	30.8	31.8	-3.1%	244.2	236.1	3.4%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	204.0	178.5	14.3%	1,424.3	1,312.2	8.5%
Free Standing	174.8	152.4	14.7%	1,206.7	1,110.0	8.7%
Built-In	7.1	6.9	2.9%	52.0	50.9	2.2%
Surface Cooking Units	22.2	19.3	15.0%	165.6	151.3	9.5%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	619.9	507.3	22.2%	4,582.2	3,787.0	21.0%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**825.8**	**858.2**	**-3.8%**	**6,276.3**	**6,080.0**	**3.2%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	486.3	511.3	-4.9%	3,659.3	3,613.9	1.3%
DRYERS - TOTAL	339.5	346.9	-2.1%	2,617.0	2,466.1	6.1%
Electric	260.7	266.2	-2.1%	1,969.9	1,893.4	4.0%
Gas	78.8	80.7	-2.4%	647.0	572.7	13.0%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**619.9**	**592.2**	**4.7%**	**4,495.4**	**4,388.7**	**2.4%**
DISPOSERS	310.8	294.1	5.7%	2,321.4	2,275.6	2.0%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	300.1	287.3	4.5%	2,105.6	2,039.8	3.2%
Built-In	287.1	272.4	5.4%	1,998.0	1,920.7	4.0%
Portable	13.0	15.0	-13.3%	107.6	119.1	-9.7%
COMPACTORS	9.0	10.8	-16.7%	68.4	73.3	-6.7%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**1,017.4**	**927.7**	**9.7%**	**5,383.9**	**5,069.5**	**6.2%**
REFRIGERATORS	812.9	774.0	5.0%	4,455.7	4,280.4	4.1%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	204.5	153.7	33.1%	928.2	789.1	17.6%
Chest	120.2	84.5	42.2%	539.7	439.7	22.7%
Upright	84.3	69.3	21.6%	388.5	349.4	11.2%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**313.9**	**235.2**	**33.5%**	**3,320.5**	**3,309.9**	**0.3%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	243.1	170.8	42.3%	2,665.2	2,603.5	2.4%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	70.8	64.4	9.9%	655.3	706.5	-7.2%

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PRODUCT	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992**	1993**
Cooking - Total	7,598	10,429	14,099	16,404	18,091	18,586	16,973	16,378	13,862	12,852	13,280	13,703
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	2,331	3,132	3,456	3,551	3,741	3,841	3,708	3,529	3,444	3,309	3,398	3,518
Free Standing	1,619	2,190	2,496	2,568	2,721	2,691	2,566	2,401	2,358	2,332	2,386	2,470
Built-In	417	563	577	574	598	655	635	648	632	568	594	623
Surface Cooking Units	295	378	382	409	423	495	506	480	455	409	419	426
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	1,368	1,573	1,732	1,814	2,090	2,319	2,457	2,414	2,429	2,401	2,482	2,532
Free-Standing#	1,289	1,477	1,626	1,694	1,826	2,022	2,101	2,055	2,061	2,041	2,104	2,147
Built-In#	79	96	106	120	114	120	127	112	106	92	96	100
Surface Cooking Units					150	176	230	247	262	268	282	285
MICROWAVE OVEN/RANGES	4,071	5,933	9,132	10,883	12,444	12,610	10,988	10,598	8,126	7,234	7,491	7,748
Home Laundry - Total	6,746	7,910	8,733	9,192	10,009	10,635	10,791	10,825	10,512	10,510	10,798	11,020
WASHERS - TOTAL	4,019	4,616	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,356	6,509
Automatic	3,955	4,546	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,356	6,509
Wringer & Other	64	69										
DRYERS - TOTAL	2,727	3,294	3,684	3,914	4,245	4,637	4,601	4,574	4,320	4,313	4,443	4,512
Electric	2,143	2,622	2,931	3,080	3,309	3,600	3,554	3,522	3,318	3,295	3,395	3,442
Gas	584	672	754	834	936	1,037	1,047	1,052	1,002	1,018	1,048	1,070
Kitchen Clean Up - Total	5,098	6,822	7,758	7,858	8,381	8,696	8,383	8,244	7,959	7,702	7,774	8,066
DISPOSERS	2,780	3,544	4,085	4,105	4,269	4,438	4,233	4,363	4,137	4,002	3,975	4,104
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	2,170	3,121	3,491	3,575	3,918	4,032	3,907	3,668	3,637	3,571	3,669	3,824
Built-In	1,956	2,859	3,245	3,327	3,663	3,763	3,647	3,456	3,419	3,360	3,453	3,605
Portable	214	262	246	248	255	269	260	213	218	211	216	219
COMPACTORS	148	157	182	177	194	226	243	213	185	129	130	138
Food Preservation - Total	5,704	6,818	7,275	7,316	7,733	8,232	8,576	8,317	8,397	8,687	8,806	8,985
REFRIGERATORS##	4,364	5,477	5,994	6,081	6,510	6,972	7,227	7,099	7,101	7,273	7,417	7,600
FREEZERS - TOTAL	1,340	1,341	1,281	1,236	1,222	1,260	1,349	1,219	1,296	1,414	1,389	1,385
Chest	726	702	650	634	661	692	727	677	723	794	770	776
Upright	614	639	631	602	561	567	622	541	573	620	619	609
Home Comfort - Total	3,201	2,439	3,694	3,610	3,371	4,503	5,310	5,696	4,892	3,552	3,933	4,265
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	2,761	2,002	3,103	3,022	2,816	3,798	4,637	5,091	4,150	2,807	3,168	3,500
DEHUMIDIFIERS	440	437	591	588	555	704	673	605	743	745	765	765
All Major Appliances	28,346	34,417	41,558	44,020	47,585	50,652	50,033	49,461	45,623	43,302	44,590	46,040

* Includes shipments for the U.S. market whether imported or domestically produced, and export shipments.
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Major Appliance Shipments Continue Advancing in August

CHICAGO -- The major home appliance industry shipped nearly 3.9 million units in August for a gain of 8.2% (or 290,900 units) over the same month one year ago, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Total year-to-date shipments of 30.4 million units reflect a healthy 5.0% increase over the same eight-month period last year.

Refrigerators, which led 1992's shipment advance thus far, fell short in August, as did compactors. All other appliance categories, however, surpassed their year-ago levels, with some achieving new records:

- **Disposers** increased 9.5% to 388,900 units, a record August shipment for the product.
- **Washers** also increased 9.5% to 574,500 units, the second-best washer shipment ever for the month.
- **Freezers** increased 19.9% to 165,500 units, their best August level since 1980.

Home comfort appliance shipments increased dramatically during the month, but the cause was comparison of relatively normal August levels to the unusually low levels of one year ago.

According to the latest industry forecast compiled in August, appliance shipments this year should exceed 45.1 million units. This, an upward revision from the May outlook, represents a 4.8% increase over last year's total.

Note: 1991 and 1992 microwave oven shipments have been revised because of adjustments to import figures.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
August, 1992

	AUGUST			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	3,857.0	3,566.1	8.2%	30,439.3	28,985.0	5.0%
COOKING - TOTAL	1,210.6	1,133.1	6.8%	8,316.8	7,704.0	8.0%
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	289.2	273.3	5.8%	2,244.2	2,132.6	5.2%
Free Standing	205.0	196.1	4.5%	1,576.5	1,500.6	5.1%
Built-In	51.6	47.5	8.6%	390.9	366.2	6.7%
Surface Cooking Units	32.6	29.7	9.8%	276.8	265.7	4.2%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	192.7	188.7	2.1%	1,615.4	1,500.9	7.6%
Free Standing	166.4	161.7	2.9%	1,371.5	1,271.8	7.8%
Built-In	5.6	6.6	-15.2%	57.5	57.4	0.2%
Surface Cooking Units	20.7	20.4	1.5%	186.4	171.7	8.6%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	736.3	679.2	8.4%	4,517.4	4,130.6	9.4%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	968.1	869.5	11.3%	7,244.3	6,949.4	4.2%
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	574.5	524.6	9.5%	4,233.8	4,138.4	2.3%
DRYERS - TOTAL	393.6	344.9	14.1%	3,010.5	2,811.0	7.1%
Electric	302.5	265.7	13.9%	2,272.4	2,159.1	5.2%
Gas	91.1	79.2	15.0%	738.1	651.8	13.2%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	707.2	668.3	5.8%	5,202.5	5,057.0	2.9%
DISPOSERS	388.9	355.3	9.5%	2,710.3	2,630.9	3.0%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	309.9	300.7	3.1%	2,415.5	2,340.5	3.2%
Built-In	295.3	284.8	3.7%	2,293.3	2,205.5	4.0%
Portable	14.6	15.9	-8.2%	122.2	135.0	-9.5%
COMPACTORS	8.3	12.3	-32.5%	76.7	85.6	-10.4%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	825.3	811.4	1.7%	6,209.2	5,880.9	5.6%
REFRIGERATORS	659.8	673.4	-2.0%	5,115.5	4,953.9	3.3%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	165.5	138.0	19.9%	1,093.8	927.0	18.0%
Chest	97.0	74.6	30.0%	636.7	514.3	23.8%
Upright	68.5	63.4	8.0%	457.1	412.8	10.7%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	145.9	83.8	74.1%	3,466.4	3,393.8	2.1%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	105.8	62.6	69.0%	2,771.0	2,666.1	3.9%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	40.1	21.2	89.2%	695.4	727.6	-4.4%

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TRENDS AND FORECASTS
INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS

PRODUCT	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992**	1993**
Cooking - Total	7,598	10,429	14,099	16,404	18,091	18,586	16,973	16,378	13,862	12,630	13,852	13,882
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	2,331	3,132	3,456	3,551	3,741	3,841	3,708	3,529	3,444	3,309	3,439	3,546
Free Standing	1,619	2,190	2,496	2,568	2,721	2,691	2,566	2,401	2,358	2,332	2,410	2,484
Built-In	417	563	577	574	598	655	635	648	632	568	604	628
Surface Cooking Units	295	378	382	409	423	495	506	480	455	409	425	434
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	1,368	1,573	1,732	1,814	2,090	2,319	2,457	2,414	2,429	2,401	2,538	2,585
Free-Standing#	1,289	1,477	1,626	1,694	1,826	2,022	2,101	2,055	2,061	2,041	2,157	2,199
Built-In#	79	96	106	120	114	120	127	112	106	92	95	98
Surface Cooking Units					150	176	230	247	262	268	286	288
MICROWAVE OVEN/RANGES	4,071	5,933	9,132	10,883	12,444	12,610	10,988	10,598	8,126	7,012	7,967	7,844
Home Laundry - Total	6,746	7,910	8,733	9,192	10,009	10,635	10,791	10,825	10,512	10,510	10,803	10,992
WASHERS - TOTAL	4,019	4,616	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,322	6,440
Automatic	3,955	4,546	5,049	5,279	5,765	5,998	6,190	6,252	6,192	6,197	6,322	6,440
Wringer & Other	64	69										
DRYERS - TOTAL	2,727	3,294	3,684	3,914	4,245	4,637	4,601	4,574	4,320	4,313	4,482	4,552
Electric	2,143	2,622	2,931	3,080	3,309	3,600	3,554	3,522	3,318	3,295	3,409	3,455
Gas	584	672	754	834	936	1,037	1,047	1,052	1,002	1,018	1,073	1,097
Kitchen Clean Up - Total	5,098	6,822	7,758	7,858	8,381	8,696	8,383	8,244	7,959	7,702	7,864	8,182
DISPOSERS	2,780	3,544	4,085	4,105	4,269	4,438	4,233	4,363	4,137	4,002	4,064	4,144
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	2,170	3,121	3,491	3,575	3,918	4,032	3,907	3,668	3,637	3,571	3,670	3,900
Built-In	1,956	2,859	3,245	3,327	3,663	3,763	3,647	3,456	3,419	3,360	3,458	3,690
Portable	214	262	246	248	255	269	260	213	218	211	212	210
COMPACTORS	148	157	182	177	194	226	243	213	185	129	130	139
Food Preservation - Total	5,704	6,818	7,275	7,316	7,733	8,232	8,576	8,317	8,397	8,687	8,917	9,135
REFRIGERATORS##	4,364	5,477	5,994	6,081	6,510	6,972	7,227	7,099	7,101	7,273	7,438	7,671
FREEZERS - TOTAL	1,340	1,341	1,281	1,236	1,222	1,260	1,349	1,219	1,296	1,414	1,480	1,465
Chest	726	702	650	634	661	692	727	677	723	794	832	818
Upright	614	639	631	602	561	567	622	541	573	620	648	647
Home Comfort - Total	3,201	2,439	3,694	3,610	3,371	4,503	5,310	5,696	4,892	3,552	3,731	4,049
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	2,761	2,002	3,103	3,022	2,816	3,798	4,637	5,091	4,150	2,807	2,988	3,300
DEHUMIDIFIERS	440	437	591	588	555	704	673	605	743	745	744	749
All Major Appliances	28,346	34,417	41,558	44,020	47,585	50,652	50,033	49,461	45,623	43,080	45,167	46,239

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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS ADVANCE AS YEAR'S THIRD QUARTER ENDS

CHICAGO -- The major appliance industry shipped 34.5 million units in the first nine months, 11.7 million in the third quarter, and nearly 4.1 million in September, soundly surpassing 1991 results for similar periods, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Total shipments compared to last year increased 6.0% year-to-date and 8.8% in the third quarter, as 11 of the 12 product categories surpassed their year-ago levels.

By comparison, September shipments increased 12.8%, with 10 of the 12 products reporting gains and five establishing shipment records.

- **Clothes washers** and **disposers** each advanced to their all-time monthly highs (625,100 units and 457,800 units, respectively); and
- It was the best September ever for **refrigerators** (715,600 units), **gas dryers** (106,400 units), and **dehumidifiers** (39,400 units).

With shipments advancing steadily so far this year, the major appliance industry is recovering the "ground" lost in 1990 and 1991, when 21 of the 24 months resulted in shipment losses.

According to the latest industry forecast, annual shipments are expected to increase 4.8% to 45.1 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS*, THOUSANDS OF UNITS
September, 1992

	SEPTEMBER			CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE			CALENDAR QUARTER		
	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change	1992	1991	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	**4,079.1**	**3,615.8**	**12.8%**	**34,546.1**	**32,603.1**	**6.0%**	**11,746.8**	**10,796.9**	**8.8%**
COOKING - TOTAL	**1,308.9**	**1,193.9**	**9.6%**	**9,625.7**	**8,900.1**	**8.2%**	**3,546.7**	**3,328.6**	**6.6%**
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	305.2	280.1	9.0%	2,549.4	2,413.0	5.7%	875.2	816.5	7.2%
Free Standing	214.2	198.8	7.7%	1,790.7	1,699.5	5.4%	621.1	582.2	6.7%
Built-In	51.8	46.1	12.4%	442.6	412.5	7.3%	151.5	137.6	10.1%
Surface Cooking Units	39.2	35.2	11.4%	316.1	301.0	5.0%	102.6	96.7	6.1%
GAS RANGES - TOTAL	224.4	212.6	5.6%	1,839.7	1,715.4	7.2%	621.1	581.7	6.8%
Free Standing	191.3	182.3	4.9%	1,562.8	1,455.9	7.3%	532.5	498.3	6.9%
Built-In	6.8	7.8	-12.8%	64.3	65.3	-1.5%	19.4	21.3	-8.9%
Surface Cooking Units	26.3	22.5	16.9%	212.6	194.2	9.5%	69.2	62.2	11.3%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	786.8	708.7	11.0%	5,304.1	4,839.2	9.6%	2,072.5	1,953.1	6.1%
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	**1,074.0**	**864.3**	**24.3%**	**8,318.3**	**7,813.7**	**6.5%**	**2,867.8**	**2,592.0**	**10.6%**
AUTOMATIC WASHERS	625.1	512.9	21.9%	4,858.9	4,651.3	4.5%	1,685.9	1,548.7	8.9%
DRYERS - TOTAL	448.9	351.4	27.7%	3,459.4	3,162.4	9.4%	1,181.9	1,043.2	13.3%
Electric	342.5	274.0	25.0%	2,614.9	2,433.1	7.5%	905.7	805.8	12.4%
Gas	106.4	77.4	37.5%	844.5	729.3	15.8%	276.3	237.4	16.4%
KITCHEN CLEAN UP - TOTAL	**801.2**	**736.2**	**8.8%**	**6,003.7**	**5,793.1**	**3.6%**	**2,128.2**	**1,996.7**	**6.6%**
DISPOSERS	457.8	440.5	3.9%	3,168.1	3,071.4	3.1%	1,157.5	1,089.9	6.2%
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	329.4	286.5	15.0%	2,744.8	2,627.0	4.5%	939.4	874.6	7.4%
Built-In	314.5	272.1	15.6%	2,607.8	2,477.6	5.3%	896.9	829.4	8.1%
Portable	14.8	14.4	2.8%	137.0	149.4	-8.3%	42.4	45.2	-6.2%
COMPACTORS	14.0	9.1	53.8%	90.7	94.6	-4.1%	31.3	32.2	-2.8%
FOOD PRESERVATION - TOTAL	**850.9**	**803.9**	**5.8%**	**7,087.8**	**6,684.8**	**6.0%**	**2,700.1**	**2,543.0**	**6.2%**
REFRIGERATORS	715.6	666.5	7.4%	5,831.1	5,620.3	3.8%	2,188.3	2,113.9	3.5%
FREEZERS - TOTAL	135.3	137.4	-1.5%	1,256.8	1,064.5	18.1%	511.9	429.1	19.3%
Chest	81.7	79.3	3.0%	746.1	593.6	25.7%	305.4	238.4	28.1%
Upright	53.6	58.1	-7.7%	510.7	470.8	8.5%	206.4	190.7	8.2%
HOME COMFORT - TOTAL	**44.1**	**17.6**	**150.6%**	**3,510.5**	**3,411.4**	**2.9%**	**503.9**	**336.7**	**49.7%**
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	4.8	11.7	-59.0%	2,775.7	2,677.8	3.7%	353.6	245.1	44.3%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	39.4	5.9	567.8%	734.8	733.6	0.2%	150.3	91.6	64.1%

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